

1 October 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Commission on the Organization of the
Government for the Conduct of Foreign
Policy

1. On 28 September 1973, the Director and the undersigned met for approximately 30 minutes with the following individuals from the Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy:

The Honorable Clement J. Zablocki
House of Representatives
Member of the Commission appointed by the Speaker
of the House

Mr. Francis O. Wilcox
Executive Director of the Commission

Mr. Fisher Howe
Deputy Executive Director of the Commission

2. Mr. Colby advised the group that the Agency wished to cooperate as fully as possible in their important task and indicated he would like the assistance of the Commission in determining whether presentations would be on an unclassified basis or on a classified basis.

3. Mr. Wilcox indicated that they were pursuing their work on a two-track basis. The first track would consist of a series of witnesses from executive departments, congress and other distinguished

and qualified individuals in private life. He mentioned such individuals as McGeorge Bundy and Dean Rusk in the latter group. The second track would be a series of research papers.

4. Mr. Wilcox also indicated that they undoubtedly would want classified information in certain areas and in the intelligence area would welcome suggestions in this regard from the Agency. Mr. Colby suggested that he could certainly give an overview of the intelligence community and decisions could be made later as to what other intelligence agencies the Commission would like to hear from. Mr. Colby made the further suggestion that the Commission might wish to consider hearing from consumers of intelligence, i. e., the customer. Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Zablocki thought this was an excellent suggestion. Mr. Wilcox indicated they were planning earlier hearings than indicated by tentative programs that they had put out and they are looking toward some time in November to start on the intelligence community. Mr. Wilcox said he and Fisher Howe would work with Mr. Lawrence Houston and Mr. Warner with regard to details and specific ground rules.

5. Mr. Zablocki commented with respect to their consideration of congressional/executive relations that the new congressional rules with regard to open hearings definitely had made it more difficult for committees to receive full and candid testimony from the executive branch and this was an area that would receive attention by the Commission.


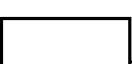
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6. Mr. Colby stated that intelligence in the American society must become more open but at the same time it must continue to protect properly that which must remain secret. The group appeared to understand this. Mr. Colby again commented that the Agency would be pleased to work with them and they left, appearing to be completely satisfied.

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